

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Closed session began at 5:00pm. Mayor Ladwig called the open meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members in attendance: Miller, West, Ladwig, Grover Davies was absent. City Staff in attendance: City Manager Eli Naffah, City Clerk Gabriel Adams.

**II. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

1. *Conference with legal counsel regarding active litigation. Tsurai Ancestral Society vs. City of Trinidad. Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(a)*
2. *Real estate negotiations between the City of Trinidad and Verizon Wireless regarding the Trinidad Head cell site. Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8.*

**III. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – *Nothing to report.***

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion (Miller/Davies) to move approve the agenda as amended; Pull Discussion #5 from the agenda.*  
**Passed 4-0.**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 07-10-19 cc, 07-31-19 sccpc will be reviewed in September.**

**VII. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Miller:** RCEA had a closed session, discussed PG&E bankruptcy and public engagement strategies. Public comments focused on energy self-sufficiency through micro-grid power. Trinidad should be considering this as well.

**Ladwig:** HTA discussing additional routes. Also attended the Coastal Commission hearing regarding Rancheria Hotel project.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

**City Manager Naffah** explained that a representative from the Chamber of Commerce will be attending the September meeting to update the Council on their activities and accomplishments. Verizon is finalizing their lease with the Westhaven landowner for the new, replacement cell facility.

**HCSO Lt. Kevin Miller** reported on July stats. **Mayor Ladwig** requested guaranteed coverage as per the contract on July 04. Miller suggested meeting in May to ensure staffing is available.

**IX. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

*(Three (3) minute limit per Speaker unless Council approves request for extended time.)*

**Patti Fleschner – Trinidad**

Update on the former Lighthouse site. Restoration is underway. 14 people are working to remove the concrete bases. September 28 the town will be celebrating the Coastal Monuments with events throughout the City. Mayor Ladwig thanked the Civic Club for bringing everyone together to secure the permit and begin the restoration process.

**Mike Allison – Trinidad**

Moved to Trinidad recently and in the process of becoming a permanent resident. We care about Verizon cell service and don't want to see it deteriorate. Concerned that the City is moving forward to remove the Trinidad Head site against the County Sheriff recommendations. Public safety is the first priority, and ensuring cell service is in place should residents need to dial 911 is critical.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Staff Activity Report - July 2019
2. Financial Statements June 2019
3. Law Enforcement Report July 2019
4. Audit Engagement Letter for 2018-2019 FY Audit.

*Motion (Miller/West) to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Passed 4-0.***

#### **XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Discussion/Decision regarding Resolution 2019-10a; Recognizing the Trinidad Art & Music Festival in Trinidad, August 10-12 and 17-19, 2019.

Mayor Ladwig read the resolution aloud. Event coordinator Julie Fulkerson thanked everyone for their support, gave a brief introduction of the musical lineup and highlights, and noted that the event strengthens the Trinidad economy.

There was no public comment.

*Motion (Grover/West) to approve Resolution 2019-10a. **Passed 4-0.***

2. Discussion/Decision regarding Resolution 2019-11; Changing Regular Council Meeting Dates.

City Manager Naffah explained that regular Council meetings are held at the same time he's expected to teach a class at CR. The conflict prompted the discussion whether the City would consider moving the regular meeting dates from the second and fourth Wednesdays, to the second and fourth Tuesdays.

*There was no public comment.*

*Motion (Miller/Grover) to approve Resolution 2019-11; Changing Regular Council Meeting Dates to the Second and Fourth Tuesday's of each month, at 6:00pm. **Passed 4-0.***

3. Discussion/Decision regarding Amending the City Code of Ethics to include Committees.

City Manager Naffah explained that the City's Ethics Code identifies City Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners, but does not include Committee members in the language. With the recent creation of numerous advisory committees, members felt the Ethics Code needed to be updated to include committee volunteers. If approved, the amended Ethics Code will include committee volunteers as City officials required to sign and agree to it prior to participation.

*There was no public comment.*

Council comments included:

**Miller:** Read the last page in detail to emphasize the purpose of the document.

*Motion (Miller/West) to amend the City Code of Ethics to include Committee Members. **Passed 4-0.***

4. Discussion/Decision regarding Town Hall Solar Project, Loan Application, and Authorize Bid Process

RCEA Representative Mike Avicole explained that the City of Trinidad has advanced through the steps necessary to prepare and qualify for a 1% loan through the California Energy Commission to install a Photovoltaic System on the Trinidad Town Hall. The loan application has been approved for approximately \$50,000, which has been determined sufficient to install a system that will meet and exceed the power demands of the Town Hall, Club Room, and Fire Department meters. There is an 11 year payback estimate, and a 25 year lifespan on the system, with the inverter needing to be replaced at year 15. Only 50% of the roof will be covered, leaving the remaining 50% for future needs.

There was no public comment.

Council comments included:

**Miller:** This project has my full support and I'm excited to see it happen asap.

*Motion (Miller/West) to Accept the CEC loan and continue working with RCEA to develop bid documents for construction. **Passed 4-0.***

5. Discussion/Decision regarding Request for Expeditious Response and Enforcement of STR Complaints  
*This item was pulled from the agenda.*

**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- September 10 Council meeting.
- October 22 Joint STR/Council meeting.
- Trails Committee Priority Projects Update

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:12pm**

**Submitted by:**

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**Gabriel Adams**  
Trinidad City Clerk

**Approved by:**

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**Steve Ladwig**  
Mayor